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## Bieniek ends first year as Honors College dean

By MALAK KHADER THE PARTHENON

Honors College dean Ronald Bieniek will finish out his first year as dean of the college after officially signing with Marshall University in the summer or 2013.

Bieniek said he has been in observation mode this year, observing the traditions and operations of the Honors College and Marshall as a whole.

"Like any institution, there is an idea of progress," Bieniek said. "Specifically what I would be pushing for the honors students, as much as I can, is to increase critical thinking and enhance global perspectives and experiences."

He said one of his main goals is to help prepare students for post-graduation goals. He wants them to know how to set themselves apart from others when it comes to applying for jobs in the future. Bieniek is starting the visit honors classes regularly to help guide his students.

"What have you accomplished? What are you capable of? Those are important elements for any student to realize," Biekiek said. "I'm going to the honors 200 classes and making presentations on being smart about setting up and launching your career."

Bieniek said he knows what it is like to work your way up the ladder. His parents had an education that did not exceed the eighth grade, so he had to work his way through school.

He taught physics at Missouri University of Science and Technology. He earned a master in the arts degree in history of science and a doctorate in physics from Harvard University.

He was a Fulbright professor in Germany and a visiting scientist at Oxford University, Stanford University, Observatoire de Paris, Universita di Firenze and more. Biekiek hopes that his experiences help him become a well-rounded dean.

He said that the best college course he has ever had was the History of Political Ideas from PLATO to Machiavelli. Bieniek said it generated the type of seminar atmosphere and dynamics that they provide in the Honors College seminars at Marshall.

"The ideal student would be a person who want to pursue an impactful line of preparation to reach a personal goal that benefits themselves and society," Bieniek said.

He hopes that he can contribute to the success of his students by helping them realize their potential.

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EMILY RICE | THE PARTHENON  
William Creeley, FIRE director of legal and public advocacy, discusses First Amendment rights with students Monday in Corby Hall.

## Free speech group analyzes MU codes

By JESSICA STARKEY THE PARTHENON

The speech codes at Marshall University have been described as being "atrocious" according to the students that are members of the campus organization Young Americans for Liberty. After researching the current speech codes, they decided to take action and reach Marshall students about using and protecting their First Amendment rights.

William Creeley, director of legal and public advocacy for the Foundation of Individual Rights in Education (FIRE) lectured Marshall students on honoring and using their First Amendment rights Monday.

President of YAL Caitlin Grimes said she learned about the FIRE organization at a conference and wanted to bring a change to Marshall's campus.

"The Young Americans for Liberty national conference did a seminar on free speech on campuses," Grimes said. "I actually found out through an early chapter member that we were ranked as one of the 12 worst colleges in the country

for free speech code. I started the discussions there, and I have been in contact with FIRE ever since."

Grimes also said First Amendment rights are something that can spark the education process in a college setting.

"It is vitally important for students to be informed about their first amendment rights especially in places of higher education," she said. "I don't think students should become accustomed to over regulation in their lives. That is what allows the educational and creative process to continue Founded in 1999, FIRE is a nonprofit organization that defines student rights. It has defended the civil liberties of thousands of students at colleges and universities nationwide.

Activism chair for YAL, Brandon Wear, said the current speech codes are not up to date and they hope to address the administration to fix this problem.

"The speech codes at Marshall are very vague," Wear said. "As of right now, the

administration can punish students for almost anything under the current speech codes. The first amendment rights define us as Americans and as a society, if we don't understand them, those rights can easily go away."

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-Brandon Wear, Young Americans for Liberty activism chair

Director of legal and public advocacy for FIRE, William Creeley, said he hopes to encourage Marshall students to hold their school accountable, and to stand up for their own rights.

"I want to talk to Marshall students about case law regarding free speech on America's public college campuses," Creeley said. "I am going to talk about some of the crazy ways that colleges censor their students, which will shock everyone in attendance. I

also want to make sure Marshall students can make sure that Marshall University fulfills its legal obligations under the first amendment."

According to the YAL press release, current Marshall policy dictates that students are not allowed to actively protest on campus; even if non-violent direct action is adopted by student activists.

Creeley also said FIRE has tried to work with Marshall in the past, but they need help from the students to make a change in policy.

"Well we've tried to get Marshall to do the right thing and to honor its legal commitment and to uphold its students rights," Creeley said. "It's been a long back and forth. Hopefully tonight can help with momentum and students can make a change.

FIRE and YAL encourage Marshall students to learn more about their First Amendment rights. FIRE also encourages any student or organization to contact them if faced with censorship or other rights violations.

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## W.Va. House committee talks small business at Marshall

By PAULINA SHEPHERD THE PARTHENON

The West Virginia House of Delegates Small Business, Entrepreneurship, and Economic Development Committee met Monday at Marshall University to discuss local business in the Huntington area. They welcomed small business owners to come and express their concerns and solutions at an open meeting.

The Listening Tour was formed to give examples of success of small business and entrepreneurship and also give owners a voice to help elected officials create new policies. It also gave feedback from owners on how current laws affect businesses.

Derek Gregg, CEO of Vandelia Research, talked about how his business started off as a class project at Marshall and turned into a company. He credits several sources for his success in the past 10 years.

"There's three things that I would point to that are necessary for growing businesses like my own and getting more high tech on university campuses," Gregg said. "That is talent, community and capital. And there has been a number of things that the state has done in the past couple years in each of these areas."

Some owners had other concerns for the House of Delegates. Rob Stepp, president of Creative Kitchen, a local family business that has been running for 50 years in the region brought up the troubles of hiring from the younger generations.

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## Citizens, organizations march on W. Va. Capitol for E-Day

By MEGAN OSBORNE THE PARTHENON

Citizens, lobbyists and environmental organizations from across the state gathered at the State Capitol building Monday to call legislators' attention to environmental problems occurring across the state.

Environment Day, or "E-Day" at the Capitol has been hosted and organized by the West Virginia Environmental Council since 1990. This year, the event is focused on the current water crisis with the theme "Water is life, keep it clean," along with promoting Senate Bill 373, which deals with updating water resource protection laws.

"The council had a big legislative agenda for this year, and then on the second day of the session, there was this tragic spill into the Elk River, of a nasty coal washing chemical,

and that changed things here at the capitol," said WVEC Board President Bill Price.

Price was one of many speakers at the event. Others included representatives from environmental organizations as well as Delegates Don Perdue, Mike Manypenny, Nancy Guthrie, Barbara Fleischauer, and Senator John Unger.

"I've never seen the legislators get so united in being behind something. I think they really want to fix this," Vicki Wolfe of WVEC said.

"It's been good that there's been consistency here for the past 25 years," said Denise Poole, director of WVEC. "There's no lack of issues in the state."

Jim Kotcon of the Sierra Club WV led a group to deliver a proclamation to Governor Tomblin's desk.

"Don't you think it would be a good idea to ask those experts and those advocates who have been promoting clean water, or do you ask the polluter?" Kotcon said to the group. "We're going to ask Governor Tomblin to reconsider his approach.

The proclamation was intended to make Gov. Earl Ray Tomblin "pledge to include independent representatives from the health and environmental communities" in meetings concerning job creation, because of the high priority Tomblin places on creating jobs throughout the state.

The demonstrators walked down the hallway toward Governor Tomblin's office shouting "Who's a stakeholder? I'm a stakeholder."

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MEGAN OSBORNE | THE PARTHENON  
Protestors hold banners and rally inside Gov. Earl Ray Tomblin's office during E-Day on Monday at the West Virginia State Capitol in Charleston.

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## MU Forensic Science Center collects DNA of criminals across the country

By **MORGAN M. SWITZER**  
THE PARTHENON

What used to be the old Marshall University football locker room now houses a high-tech, greatly esteemed forensic laboratory that performs forensic DNA testing for West Virginia and numerous other states throughout the country.

The Marshall University Forensic Science Center also conducts relationship testing and produces DNA profiles for all convicted offenders in the

state of West Virginia, which goes into a database known as CODIS.

CODIS, or the Combined DNA Index System, is a system that holds the DNA profiles of convicted offenders within the state of West Virginia. After the DNA samples of the convicted offenders are analyzed by the professionals in the Marshall CODIS Laboratory, the findings are given to the West Virginia State Police, who upload them to the CODIS system, which

is then distributed to the National DNA Index System, maintained by the FBI.

"Once they are convicted, their blood is collected and that blood is then sent here for us to test," said Jason Chute, the technical leader for the Forensic DNA Laboratory.

Chute said that the laboratory receives approximately 2,000 blood samples that are collected by the West Virginia Department of Corrections each year.

Not only does the MUFSC complete the DNA analysis for CODIS, but the center is also the offsite storage location for these samples.

"The state police send us a blood card," Chute said. "We then keep a part of that blood card just in case something would happen and we have to retest the sample."

In addition to compiling the DNA profiles of convicted offenders all across the state, the MUFSC also takes on projects

from other states that request assistance.

Chute said that the highly revolutionized facility at Marshall benefits communities far beyond the city of Huntington.

"We conduct actual forensic testing for criminal cases in jurisdictions all over the United States. Anywhere from Miami-Dade to Los Angeles," Chute said.

Other states often turn to the expertise of the professionals that operate within the MUFSC.

"In Detroit, approximately 10,000 sexual assault kits were backlogged and Detroit officials sent 800 of the kits here to be tested," Chute said.

With the advanced robotic technology and a highly trained staff, the Marshall Forensic Science Center is being utilized by agencies all over the country.

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## TRiO Day gives students a chance to see opportunities for education



Darlene Collier, counselor of Upward Bound, speaks to a group of teens inside of the Campus Christian Center Monday.

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By **JESSICA ROSS**  
THE PARTHENON

Several students and parents from surrounding schools, as well as Marshall University students and faculty, gathered Monday afternoon in the Campus Christian Center to participate in the first TRiO Day in over 10 years.

TRiO represents seven federally funded programs, five of those are available at Marshall. Currently, 2,389 students are served by the TRiO programs at Marshall, which includes Marshall students as well as students from Cabell, Wayne, Lincoln and Mason Counties.

During TRiO Day, high school students were taken on a campus tour, which included a visit to the Marshall's

ROTC STEM Center vehicle that was parked at the student center.

Students were also provided with lunch at the Harless Dining Hall before visiting the Campus Christian Center where they heard from each department of the TRiO program and a former student of TRiO, Dustin Stover.

Stover, an equipment assistant for the Philadelphia Eagles, spoke about his experience with the two TRiO programs he was part of during his time at Marshall.

"They offer everything that you need, and for you guys sitting in the crowd today, I'm telling you, you are in the best seat right now and you're in the best hands possible," Stover said. "I can tell you this from experience, I would be here, where I am today, doing what I get to do each and every single day, if it weren't for these respected individuals and their staff."

Scott Robertson, counselor of the Heart of Appalachia Talent Search program, created the day to bring awareness of all the TRiO programs students have available to them and to explained the benefits of TRiO Day.

"It benefits Marshall because it get the word out to our students, and by the kids coming today and actually taking the tour and learning more about Marshall, it breaks down another barrier," Robertson said. "It helps them become more comfortable with their

setting, and if they actually decide to come to Marshall, they already kind of know their way around campus."

Cheryl Halcomb, freshman nursing major, was in attendance at the event and said TRiO has been a support system to her.

"I definitely help other people get into TRiO and I start people I know back in high school to go ahead and get with HATS and come on to Marshall through Student Support Services," Halcomb said.

Angela Holley, director of the HATS program, spoke not only about the importance of TRiO for students, but also how important their partnerships are for TRiO's success. The ROTC is one of many of the partnerships on campus. County commissioners have also stepped up and sponsored students to go to leadership conferences.

Robertson said partnerships were important to the success of the program.

"I always tell students I'd rather pay taxes for you to go to college than for you to be in jail. Education is going to give these students an opportunity and options they would have never had in their entire life," Robertson said. "The partnerships we have on campus play a part of this, and by working together we're able to change lives. That's what we do."

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## Close Uganda ties may limit what US does on anti-gay law

By **SAM STURGIS**  
MCCLATCHY WASHINGTON BUREAU (MCT)

The Obama administration faces a crucial diplomatic test in Central Africa, where its strategic ally Uganda is drawing criticism for its military presence in South Sudan and its official hostility toward gays and lesbians.

But experts on U.S. policy in Africa say the administration's denunciation of Ugandan government policies is unlikely to alter that country's behavior and that the United States isn't likely to take stronger steps.

On Sunday, President Barack Obama condemned legislation that would radically curtail the rights of gay and lesbian Ugandans after the country's president, Yoweri Museveni, said he'd sign it. Obama's statement, posted on the White House website, called the bill "a step backward for all Ugandans" and said enacting the legislation "will complicate our valued relationship with Uganda."

The statement followed one a week earlier from State Department spokeswoman Jen Psaki that called for the "phased withdrawal of foreign forces" from South Sudan. Only Uganda, which borders South Sudan, has acknowledged having troops there.

Neither statement said how the United States would react if Uganda doesn't change direction, and that worries some analysts.

"I'm both disturbed and not surprised that it doesn't specify any direct measures," J. Peter Pham, the director of the Atlantic Council's Africa Center, said of Obama's comments on the anti-gay legislation, which would impose life jail terms on any HIV-positive individual who engaged in homosexual intercourse. "It will be read by Uganda and Museveni and his advisers as nothing."

Pham said it probably would take the United States threatening to withdraw military assistance to get Museveni's attention. "We've condemned their actions in a number of instances but they've continued to act duplicitously," he said. "The one area where we could, if we really wanted to, send a signal is on the military side."

But that would risk what may be one of the closest U.S. military relationships in the region. Beginning in the 1990s, the United States has built the capacity of Museveni's Uganda People's Defence Force so it could be counted on to help

## US diplomats study how to preserve Iran's dignity in nuclear talks

By **PAUL RICHTER**  
TRIBUNE WASHINGTON BUREAU (MCT)

U.S. diplomats preparing for a new round of nuclear negotiations with Iran this week are pondering an important question: How can they make the Iranians feel like the winners?

The U.S. team and diplomats from five other nations sit down with Iran on Tuesday in Vienna to begin bargaining on what could be a historic agreement to prevent the Islamic Republic from gaining a bomb-making capability. An atmosphere of high anticipation surrounds the talks, which are expected to continue for six months to a year, and possibly longer.

But U.S. diplomats know that the deal will work only if ordinary Iranians believe it preserves the country's dignity as it manacles their treasured nuclear program. They have been trying to shape a deal that will look like a victory for both sides.

President Barack Obama has publicly acknowledged the importance of Iranian self-respect in the deal-making, saying any accord must provide a "dignified path for Iran to forge a new beginning with the wider world."

In some key technical areas, it looks like there may be a path to compromise, say U.S. officials and experts. On other fundamental issues, it will be tough — one reason that President Obama has put the odds of success at no better than 50 percent.

Since November, when the two sides signed an interim agreement that freezes some nuclear work while final bargaining is underway, there has been a war of words over what the deal will mean for Iran's gleaming nuclear infrastructure.

With many Iranians considering the program the ultimate symbol of Persian accomplishment, Iranian officials have

insisted that they will never dismantle any equipment.

But Iran's insistence that it would not take apart any of its roughly 10,000 operating centrifuges — the machines that generate enriched uranium — could be sidestepped by an agreement to send some of the equipment to a third country for safekeeping, says Mark Fitzpatrick, a former State Department official with the International Institute for Strategic Studies in London.

The two sides have sharp differences over what to do about two nuclear plants: the deeply buried uranium enrichment plant at Fordow and a half-built heavy-water nuclear reactor at Arak, which Iran says it needs to generate isotopes for medical treatments.

Wendy Sherman, the chief U.S. negotiator, is arguing for a rollback in reasonable-sounding, face-saving terms. She says Iran can keep all the equipment it would need for a civil,

or nonmilitary, program. That doesn't include the Fordow or Arak plants.

Western countries insist that Fordow should be disabled because allowing work to continue at a bomb-resistant site could help Iran achieve a "breakout" — a race to create a bomb before the Western bombers could destroy the nuclear complex.

But a compromise might be found in converting the plant from uranium enrichment, the process that generates bomb fuel, to another, less sensitive nuclear activity, suggested Jofi Joseph, the former director for nonproliferation at the National Security Council. Such an arrangement would allow Iran to say the facility was still being used for nuclear work.

The West fears Iran's goal with the Arak plant is to open an entire separate path to a bomb, through the use of plutonium fuel.

Arak is a worry to the West

because heavy water is used in the process, and large amounts of weapons-grade plutonium could be extracted from an accompanying reprocessing plant, Joseph wrote this month.

This means that a compromise might be possible that would substitute a light-water nuclear reactor for the heavy-water reactor, or, alternatively, limit the power capacity of the plant, says Joseph, who is with the Harvard Kennedy School's Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs.

"Creative solutions can be devised to address the equities of both sides," he wrote.

On other issues, though, it may be impossible to find middle ground.

The West wants sanctions relief to remain limited and easily reversible in the early years of the deal, to make sure Iran doesn't start breaking the rules. The Iranians say they

## SPORTS

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## US routes Swedes, will play Canada for gold

By **CHIP SCOGGINS**  
STAR TRIBUNE (MCT)

The U.S. women's hockey team held a marathon video session and a couple of intense practices after losing to Canada in the preliminary round of the Olympic hockey tournament.

The Americans felt like they played hard and physical in a 3-2 loss to their rivals, but they didn't display their usual aggressiveness with the puck. Too often they left the Canadians dictate the play. The U.S. vowed not to let that happen again.

"We said after our loss that I feel bad for the team that has to face us because we're going to be a different team," U.S. captain Meghan Duggan said.

Poor Sweden.

Team USA completely overwhelmed the Swedes 6-1 in the semifinals on Monday at Shayba Arena to earn a spot in the gold medal game on Thursday.

The U.S. plays the winner of the Canada-Switzerland semifinal being played Monday night. Barring a historic upset, the U.S. and Canada will meet in the gold medal game for the fourth time in the five Olympic Games that women's hockey has been played.

Canada, the three-time defending Olympic champion, defeated the U.S. in the gold medal game in Vancouver in 2010.

"I guarantee you we're going to bring our A game," Duggan said.

That happened in the semifinals and Sweden didn't stand a chance. Six players scored goals and the U.S. edged Sweden in shots of goal by a 70-9 margin. No, that's not a misprint.

Team USA came within one shot of tying its own Olympic record of 71, set in a 12-1 victory against China at the 2002 Games in Salt Lake City.

"We were just on our toes," Duggan said. "We just got back to the way we play, not sitting back on our heels and waiting for the other team to make moves. We just jumped right on them."

There has been considerable talk at these Games about the improved overall depth in women's hockey internationally. The popular theory is that other countries have closed the gap separating the U.S. and Canada from everyone else.

But as Monday's result demonstrated, that gap is still roughly the size of the Grand Canyon.

"There's not really much to say (except) it's too big of a challenge for us at the moment to beat the U.S.," Sweden assistant coach Leif Boork said.

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HARRY E. WALKER | MCT

USA forward Amanda Kessel (28) skates around the defense of Sweden defenseman Sofia Engstrom (3) during the third period in a women's hockey game at the Winter Olympics in Sochi, Russia, Monday. The USA defeated Sweden 6-1.

## Davis, White become first Americans to win ice dancing gold

By **FRANK FITZPATRICK**  
THE PHILADELPHIA INQUIRER  
(MCT)

The borders of their uncertainty were broad, from Vancouver to Sochi.

From the moment in 2010 when Meryl Davis and Charlie White won an Olympic silver medal, many in the ice-dance world were certain they'd get gold four years later.

As splendidly as the American pair performed during that span, there was one stubborn rival, and four years was an eternity to wonder.

Monday night, as they stood motionless on the Iceberg Skating Palace ice, waiting to start their free-skate in the 2014 Olympic finals, they knew, one way or another, there were only four minutes left in their eternity.

Relaxing and building momentum through the culminating skate of their 17 years together, Davis and White easily outdistanced their Canadian adversaries and training partners to become the first Americans to win an Olympic ice-dance gold medal.

"It's been an amazing journey," said White.

Canada's Tessa Virtue and Charlie Mohr, who train with the winners in Michigan, took the silver. The Russian pair of Elena Ilinykh and Nikita Katsalapov, who turned in the night's most electrifying performance, got the bronze.

Afterward, as they made their way through a flower ceremony and a series of interviews, the winners appeared not quite to have grasped the moment.

"We've been preparing so hard for four years for what we wanted to put out on the ice, focusing so hard on that, that I think we weren't really prepared for what may come after," said Davis. "I don't think it's really hit us yet."

That focus was evident in the grindingly tense minutes

before they hit the ice, the last of 20 teams in the two-night competition.

"It's probably the most nervous you'll be in a lifetime," said White.

The Canadians, gold-medal winners at Vancouver, had skated three pairs before and put up a season-best free-skate score of 114.66. Still, their total of 190.99 gave Davis and White some breathing room.

Having led Virtue and Mohr by 2.56 points after their world-record-setting short program, they knew they would need an outstanding though not perfect skate.

"We were aware that the people in front of us had skated well," said White.

They emerged from a tunnel two minutes into the next-to-last team's performance, Davis in a flowing pink dress with bare midriff, White in his customary all-black.

Both were uncharacteristically stone-faced, seemingly oblivious to their surroundings, including the loud reception the on-ice Russian pair was receiving.

"We really are in kind of our zone," explained White. "The moments before you come out on the ice are really difficult."

White began to stretch and bounce like a boxer in the minutes before the bell for Round 1. The petite Davis practiced a couple of balletic shoulder and hand motions.

Their coach, Marina Zoueva, managed to coax a smile from them. A short while later, they removed their skate guards, tossed them onto the boards and, with a pair of almost simultaneous deep breaths, stepped onto the ice.

The big and boisterous Russian crowd, in a lather since the beautifully artistic performance of Ilinykh and Katsalapov two teams earlier, applauded, but in a subdued, skeptical fashion.

At the first strain of the music



CARLOS GONZALEZ | MINNEAPOLIS STAR TRIBUNE | MCT

Ice dancing gold medalists Meryl Davis, left, and Charlie White, of the USA, take a victory lap with an American flag following the flower ceremony at the Iceberg Skating Palace during the Winter Olympics in Sochi, Russia, Monday.

from "Scheherazade" by the Russian composer Rimsky-Korsakov, the frozen stares melted away and, with the speedy strides that are their signature, Davis and White skated off toward history.

Somewhere close to midway through the graceful and surprisingly athletic program they've been refining for four years, the two locked eyes. Then, as if the last doubt finally had dissipated, briefly smiled.

"We looked at each other and drew support from each other," said White. "Being able to do that for each other for all these years has been a comfort to us both."

Though their free-skate was not quite as stirring as the one that earned them another national title at Boston last month, their score of 116.63 — the winning total was 196.52 — set another world record.

Davis and White teamed up when they were 10. Their lengthy partnership in an often volatile sport has now earned them three Olympic medals — silver in '10, bronze in the team competition at Sochi and now gold.

It was during the team event, when it was clear they were the strongest team in the world,

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## Ice storm claims Augusta National's Eisenhower Tree

By **STEVE HUMMER**  
THE ATLANTA JOURNAL-  
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Somewhere Dwight Eisenhower is smiling.

That infernal loblolly pine off the 17th fairway at Augusta National, the one with such an appetite for Eisenhower's tee ball, the one whose very name paid lasting tribute to a presidential pull hook, is sawdust.

What Ike couldn't do over nearly two terms in office, the ice did overnight.

Augusta National Chairman Billy Payne announced Sunday that the iconic Eisenhower Tree was felled, a victim of last week's ice storm.

The story goes that Eisenhower, an Augusta National member from 1948 to his death in 1969, was so vexed

by the tree that he petitioned during a 1956 members' meeting to have it removed.

Then chairman Clifford Roberts ruled the war hero and sitting president out of order and abruptly adjourned the gathering. This was no democracy; this was Roberts' Augusta National.

Rather than succumb to pressure from the highest office, the tree quickly gained status as one of the club's many landmarks. It bore Eisenhower's name to the end.

Sitting just 210 yards down-range of the 17th tee, just to the left of the fairway, the tree did not nettle the talented Masters field nearly as much

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EDITORIAL

## It's time to celebrate our society's indifference, openness

Actress Ellen Page came out as gay Friday at the Human Rights Campaign's Time to THRIVE Conference.

The conference is an opportunity to "build the awareness and cultural competency, learn current and emerging best practices and gather resources from leading experts" in the field, according to the HRC's website.

"I am tired of hiding, and I am tired of lying by omission," Page said to a room of LGBT youth-serving professionals and educators. "I'm standing here today, with all of you, on the other side of all that pain."

Following her announcement, Page received an outpouring of public support from the Hollywood community through Twitter.

Page's decision should be applauded as a personal achievement. She overcame the pain and psychological debilitation she claims to have suffered, and she found a way to deal with the fear of being discovered as gay.

But she made this announcement to a room full of LGBT community members at an event put on by the HRC. In such a setting, her speech is less effective and less brave than it would have been in a truly public forum.

Maybe she felt more comfortable coming out to a group she knew would instantly welcome her with open arms. The fact that the event was planned for the conference should also not be overlooked.

In no way is Page's announcement a negative event or something that should be easy for the actress, but does such a speech elicit the reaction we still have as a society?

It's 2014, and public declarations such as Page's are still considered novelty. In a society that strives toward equality, there should be greater opportunity for public figures to openly declare their sexualities.

Yes, she made a decision in telling the world who she is that should be greatly celebrated. But in the changing world we live in, to consider every coming-out announcement an act of courage would be to deny any progress toward equality.

Online Polls

## You Can Be HERD

What is your favorite Winter Olympics event?

Ice skating  
Hockey  
Curling

What is your favorite Valentine's Day gift to give and/or receive?

Flowers	59%
Candy	26%
Stuffed animals	15%

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COLUMN

## Is comeuppance ahead for predatory colleges?

By **BARBARA SHELLY**  
THE KANSAS CITY STAR (MCT)

One needn't look too far to find alumni of the sector of higher education known as the for-profit colleges.

In the happiest scenario, a graduate of one of these programs may show up at your house to repair your air conditioner, or visit your business to deal with a computer problem. Trade schools have their success stories, and they are eager to have us know about them.

But too often you'll find former students staffing the drive-through windows of fast-food restaurants, while shouldering massive amounts of student debt.

A Kansas City Star reporter last week found a for-profit college graduate at the City Union Mission. Shelley Riley, a 38-year-old single mom, explained that she finished four years of training to be a medical assistant with \$60,000 worth of loans and no prospects of a job in a medical office. She lost the part-time job that had sustained her through her years as a student, and sought refuge at the shelter.

The abusive practices of this sector have been well documented. They recruit low-income students, many with questionable academic abilities, and help them obtain federal grants and loans. They hold out the promise of jobs that are unlikely to materialize at salaries that will never be attained.

Deception is rampant. There is no way Riley should have been able to pile up \$60,000 worth of loans to train to be a medical assistant. Jobs in that field start in the neighborhood of \$10 an hour.

The for-profit sector receives about one-fifth of federal grants and loans available to help people pay for college. It is responsible for almost half of all student loan defaults.

Everybody takes it on the chin except for the schools themselves. They collect their money regardless of the student's success or failure.

How is this permitted to go on?

Well, the for-profit companies have been as aggressive about lobbying Congress and other officials as they are when recruiting

students. They beat back efforts by President Barack Obama's administration to enact a meaningful "gainful employment" rule, meaning colleges would have to offer programs that enable a reasonable percentage of students to find jobs and repay their loans.

And although Obama and his education secretary, Arne Duncan, have publicly called attention to the for-profit sector's poor results, neither U.S. attorneys nor bureaucrats in the Department of Education have shown much inclination to take on the schools. Federal regulations give the education department authority to deny Title IV funds to schools that misrepresent the cost and employment potential of their programs, but it is rarely used.

Recently, though, some of the companies have reported to regulators that a group of state attorneys general have requested information on student recruitment practices, employment statistics for graduates and student lending activities. Missouri Attorney General Chris Koster is participating in the effort, although his office wouldn't give details about his role.

Assuming the state probes aren't simply window dressing, they have the potential to result in the companies agreeing to cease abusive practices and, importantly, cash settlements to debt-ridden former students.

In another sign that the days of operating with impunity may be ending, the federal Consumer Finance Protection Bureau is looking at whether some of the for-profit companies have violated federal laws dealing with private student loans.

Also, the Obama administration is taking another crack at establishing a gainful employment rule.

Weak-kneed enforcement has enabled the for-profit college sector to shrug off its outrageous practices with callous disregard for taxpayers and the many people who leave its campuses worse off than when they enrolled. Now, the companies and their investors are reportedly worried. It is past time to turn the tables.



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COLUMN

## Women break the mold in state legislature

By **TOMMY D. G. FERRELL**  
COLUMNIST

In 1917, Rep. Jeannette Rankin of Montana became the first woman to serve in the United States Congress. According to the House of Representative Historian's Office, a total of 298 women have served in the House and Senate since. Unfortunately, while West Virginia has had a handful of women serve in state leadership and represent us in the House of Representatives, the Mountain State has never elected a woman to the Senate. With two women, Secretary of State Natalie Tennant (D) and Rep. Shelley Moore Capito (R), leading their respective party primary fields that is clearly set to change this November.

First, let's consider the history of women in West Virginia politics. The first time a woman ran for the U.S. Senate from this state—or any state south of the Mason-Dixon Line—came when Izetta Jewell Brown filed in 1922. Just six years later, Minnie Buckingham Harper was appointed to the West Virginia House of Delegates, making her the first black woman to serve

in an American legislature. After a lengthy period of slow progress, Helen F. Holt became Secretary of State and, thus, the first female statewide officeholder in West Virginia history in 1957. The next big moment came in 1988, when Margaret Workman was elected to the West Virginia Supreme Court of Appeals, becoming the first woman to do so and still serving to this day.

The two women vying for the U.S. Senate here now, Tennant and Capito, follow in these footsteps. Tennant, currently in her second term as Secretary of State, is not far removed from the tenure of another woman in that office, Betty Ireland (R). No woman other than Capito, who was elected in 2000, has represented the state in the House since Rep. Elizabeth Kee became the first woman to do so in 1951.

It is also worth noting that if Capito were to be elected to the Senate, the House of Representatives would not necessarily be without a woman from West Virginia; Meshea Poore, a Democrat who currently represents Kanawha County in the House of Delegates, is seeking to fill Capito's seat for

the Second Congressional District.

All of this leaves West Virginia in a good historical position. The state is often unfairly characterized as a place of over-traditionalism. We're called racist, sexist, hateful bigots by stereotypically radical excerpts taken and propagated by mainstream media. Admittedly, it would be foolish for me to try to say our state does not have serious steps to take in 21st century social progress, but I believe that we are ready to take this one. Sexist tradition may say women belong in the house, but, come November, we'll put a woman in the Senate, too.

We have a significant number of women in the state legislature, two of the five seats on our highest court belong to women, Capito and Tennant have each won reelection to their respective seats, and West Virginians did not hesitate to support Hillary Clinton in her 2008 presidential bid. It's an exciting election year for progress in the Mountain State. No matter who we send to succeed Sen. Jay Rockefeller (D), it will be history.

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# SUDOKU

By TYLER PRALLEY  
SOLUTION IN WEDNESDAY'S EDITION

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## UGANDA

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stabilize difficult situations throughout Central and East Africa.

Ugandan troops were the first foreign forces to deploy in 2007 under the African Union Mission in Somalia, known as AMISOM, to combat insurgents linked to al-Qaida. The U.S. has contributed more than \$300 million to the AMISOM mission, according to the State Department, some of which is allocated directly to the Ugandan forces.

Moreover, U.S. and Ugandan military officials are working directly to hunt down Joseph Kony, who's been internationally indicted on war crimes charges in connection with atrocities in many parts of

Central Africa.

If the U.S. wants to influence events in Uganda, experts said, funding cuts for these military partnerships need to be under consideration.

But the U.S.-Ugandan security partnership appears to trump other concerns.

"Our relationship in Uganda is complicated," said Jennifer G. Cooke, the director of the Africa Program at the Center for Strategic and International Studies, a Washington research center. "We tend to not speak out as forcefully as we should because of the security concerns."

Efforts to reach Ugandan diplomats in Washington, New York and Geneva were unsuccessful. There was no response to an email sent to the Ugandan president's office.

## ICE DANCING

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that this American-Canadian rematch lost a little luster.

Their gold medal was the 15th won by America's Olympic figure-skaters, but the first in anything but men's and women's competitions.

The top teams' free skates showcased the athleticism that has found its way into a skating discipline frequently derided as a non-sport.

Following its debut at Montreal in 1976, ice-dance began its path to wider acceptance in 1984 with the perfect "Bolero" routine by Great Britain's Jayne Torvill and Christopher Dean.

In 2010, six years after the sport's new scoring system was implemented, the compulsory and original dances were dropped for a more familiar short program. Ice-dance had found its way into the figure-skating mainstream.

"I think the four people who are sitting here benefited from the new system,"

said Mohr. "It's given ice-dance more credibility. It's a lot more of an athletic sport. That's something Charlie and I are extremely proud of."

An even bigger winner on the night might have been Zoueva, who coached both the gold- and silver-medal winners.

"Marina does an incredible job," said Davis. "The two teams have very different styles, approaches and strengths. ... She knows a lot about life and she brings that to the ice with her. When complexities arise between the two teams she does a wonderful job of implementing necessary solutions."

When Zoueva learned seven years ago that these Games would be in her native Russia, she made sure both teams' free-skates were set to music by Russian composers — Virtue and Mohr skated to "Petite Adagio Waltz Concerto No. 2" by Alexander Glazunov. "I wanted something," she said, "that would touch the Russian people's hearts."

## COMMITTEE

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"We have reliable long-term employees and a tenured staff but on the other hand we're challenged by the employment issues," Stepp said. "We have very few young employees. Which leads us to a lot of uncertainty to our future."

Stepp said he is dedicated to providing healthcare for his workers, but with the low rate of young employees, his healthcare rate is high. He also mentioned the struggle of getting everyone up to date using text, email and their new integrating use of iPads.

The meeting showed the wide range of problems

affecting local businesses. Levi Hogan, the owner of Roll-A-Rama said his business has been a popular place for kids to go and spend time since 1962. He brought up the idea of high taxes on local businesses.

"Right now, I have major problems with paying all my taxes, because my taxes burn up so much of my money," Hogan said. "I can't even afford to put a sign outside of my building. There's no help for me, which means there is no help for the kids."

The meeting was focused on the House of Delegates listening to issues concerning small businesses.

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## EISENHOWER

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as the less long and skilled club membership. It was more a quaint testament to the frustrations of the game that played no favorites.

In Sunday's statement, Payne said so many limbs of the century-old pine were sheered by the accumulation of ice that there was no saving it despite the efforts of the best arborists.

"The loss of the Eisenhower Tree is difficult news to accept," the chairman said in his statement.

What will stand in its place has not yet been determined.

"We have begun deliberations of the best way to address the future of the 17th hole and to pay tribute to this iconic symbol of our history — rest assured, we will do both appropriately," Payne said.

Damage around the rest of Augusta National was minimal, Payne said, doing nothing to interfere with preparations for April's Masters. The course is currently open for membership play, only featuring a little more breathing room on the penultimate hole.

## HOCKEY

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"We know it was one of the best teams in the world and they played good."

To his credit, Boork showed a sense of humor about the mismatch.

"Of course, it can be a problem for the rest of the world that (the U.S. and Canada) are so powerful," he said. "It's not the U.S. and Canada's fault that they're good."

The U.S. scored three goals and outshot Sweden 29-1 in

the first period. The Americans held a 5-0 lead and a 51-6 advantage in shots on goal after two periods.

Sweden's coaches pulled starting goalie Valentina Wallner in the second period after she'd seen 47 shots.

"She had a busy day at work," Boork cracked.

The outcome hardly came as a surprise. The U.S. is now 12-1 against Sweden in Olympic Games or world championships. Sweden's lone victory came in the 2006 Olympic semifinals.

## E-DAY

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Tomblin invited representatives from various industries that are "stakeholders" when it comes to environmental regulation, according to Kotcon.

Kotcon and his group were denied permission to deliver the piece of paper by Tomblin's press secretary, who said it was against protocol and the best way to deliver the proclamation was through the mail.

One demonstrator dressed as "clean water" was escorted

out of the governor's office because her costume included a mask.

"The governor invited people from the coal industry and the chamber of commerce, but no one from environmental organizations," Wolfe said.

Poole said it's important to promote legislation as well as "play defense" to stop bad legislation from going through.

"We encourage everyone to meet with their delegate," Poole said.

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## IRAN

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can't accept that, because without large-scale and permanent sanctions relief they can't entice foreign business to help revive Iran's ailing economy — which they consider the whole aim of the deal.

Battling for permanent repeal of U.S. sanctions, as Iran will demand, could be impossible, since Congress is a stronghold of anti-Iran sentiment.

And there is likely to be an ugly fight over how long the "permanent" deal will last. U.S. officials would like it to be in place 20 to 25 years —

in part because of their hope that, by the time curbs are lifted, a more moderate government will be in power. Though current President Hassan Rouhani is considered relatively moderate, he still

follows the lead of fundamentalist supreme leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei.

But a longer range pact is unacceptable to Iranians for reasons of pride: They insist on being treated like a normal country, not an international pariah. They're talking about a three- to five-year deal.

U.S. officials, eager to make Iranians feel good about a deal, are dangling the idea that it could help the isolated country regain a respected place among great powers — an idea that may unsettle Iran's rivals in Israel and Saudi Arabia.

State Department planning director Jacob Sullivan, who took part in secret negotiations with Iran last year, recently told the New America Foundation that the deal will show that if Iran takes "concrete actions . . . people's aspirations to be a proud, responsible nation with a seat at the table can be fulfilled."



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### iTUNES TOP 10 SONGS

1. "Happy (from Despicable Me 2)" by Pharrell Williams
2. "Dark Horse (feat. Juicy J)" by Katy Perry
3. "All of Me" by John Legend
4. "Pompeii" by Bastille
5. "The Man" by Aloe Blacc
6. "Timber (feat. Ke\$ha)" by Pitbull
7. "Let Her Go" by Passenger
8. "Say Something" by A Great Big World & Christina Aguilera
9. "Team" by Lorde
10. "State I'm In" by NEEDTOBREATHE

### iTUNES TOP 10 ALBUMS

1. "The Outsiders" by Eric Church
2. "Frozen (Original Motion Picture Soundtrack)" by Various
3. "Night Visions" by Imagine Dragons
4. "Bad Blood" by Bastille
5. "NOW That's What I Call Music, Vol. 49" by Various Artists
6. "Pure Heroine" by Lorde
7. "Journey: Greatest Hits" by Journey
8. "The Lego Movie (Original Motion Picture Soundtrack)" by Various
9. "Pure Heroine (Extended)" by Lorde
10. "Love Death Immortality" by The Glitch Mob

## 'In Secret' is creaky

By **ROGER MOORE**  
MCCLATCHY-TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE (MCT)

Think of "Therese Raquin," the Emile Zola novel that is the inspiration for "In Secret," as the original film noir. It has an illicit love affair, a murder and the guilt and fear of discovery that comes with it.

Filmmaker Charlie Stratton, working from Neal Bell's stage adaptation of the book, delivers a moody, melodramatic and somewhat overwrought version of the tale, sort of a 19th century-Paris "Postman Always Rings Twice." It benefits from brooding performances by the leads and another fierce turn by Jessica Lange in an unpleasant supporting role.

Elizabeth Olsen is Therese Raquin, a tragically illegitimate child whose father leaves her with distant relatives after her mother dies.

"Illegitimates have been dealt an unlucky hand," Madame Raquin (Lange) purrs. She then she sets out to create a self-fulfilling prophecy. Therese is forlorn and unloved in the present, and Madame has her future planned in ways that won't change that. She will marry Madame's pampered son Camille (Tom Felton), a sickly lad who has grown up with Therese, more of a coughing brother than a potential lover.

They move from the country to Paris, and that's where Camille re-connects with childhood pal Laurent (Oscar Isaac of "Inside Llewyn Davis"), a smoldering rake of an artist who awakens the woman in Therese.

"Save me," she pleads to him. And he does. Often.

As the clueless Camille frets that "I don't know how to make Therese happy" to his "friend," Laurent is making her happy every day over lunch.

2.5 Stars (Grade: C-plus)

Cast: Elizabeth Olsen, Jessica Lange, Oscar Isaac, Tom Felton

Written and directed by Charlie Stratton, based on the Neal Bell play, based on a novel by Emile Zola

And as the lovers get comfortable keeping their secret, even in the weekly dominoes parties that Madame throws with family and friends, the idea comes to them that Camille is just in the way. They should kill him. Perhaps they get the idea from the police inspector.

"In Secret" is a genuine "bodice ripper" of a thriller, with the requisite heavy breathing that comes after said bodice is ripped. The sex isn't explicit, but Olsen and Isaac suggest the heat that gives this doomed affair its momentum. Olsen's version of Therese is a lovelorn Madame Bovary who decides to take things further than Flaubert's Emma Bovary ever would.

Lange makes a delicious, fearsome hysteric, and former "Harry Potter" foil Felton is properly foppish and tubercular as Camille. And Stratton, who directed a stage production of this earlier, does well with shifting our sympathies from Therese to Camille to Madame Raquin over the course of the tale.

Unfortunately, there's no way to back-date this original noir to keep us from seeing where it's going long before it gets there. We've seen too many variations of this story. The overwrought 19th century melodramatic conventions of the plot creak like the springs and joints of a worn-out stagecoach.

And as what happened "In Secret" unravels in the harsh light of day, some of what we're supposed to feel when the curtain falls is missing because we saw it coming long before it gets there.

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